



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

Open Records Office

Luke Ravenstahl, Mayor

Benjamin I Smith, Open Records Officer

March 20, 2013

Matthew Potechko
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PO Box 55819
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RE: Right to Know Request No. 2013-1-62

Dear Mr. Potechko:

On February 18, 2013, the City of Pittsburgh Open Records Office received your written request for records pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. §67.101 et seq. Your specific request for records is as follows:

- “1. any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UASs (hereinafter “drones”);
2. any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on department use of drones, including on the legal process required (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone;
3. any departmental records concerning this department’s use of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including:
 - a. the types of investigations or instances in which this department is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage or oversee the usage of drones by another department or office;
 - b. policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times;
 - c. the altitude at which drones can or do fly;
 - d. drones’ ability to carry weapons.”

Upon investigation, I've determined that no such records exist and your request is denied. The City is not involved with aerial drones in any way whatsoever. The City is not required to create records which do not currently exist or maintain information in a form in which it does not currently exist. See 65 P.S. §67.705. Additionally, nothing in the RTKL shall be construed to modify, rescind or supersede any of the City's record retention policies. See 65 P.S. §67.507.

If you feel that any aspect of this response to your request is in error, you may lodge an appeal by writing to Terry Mutchler, Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120. If you wish to take an appeal you must do so within fifteen business days of the date of this letter. (See 65 P.S. §67.1101).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Smith', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Benjamin Smith
Open Records Officer